

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDLY VISITORS COMMITTEE

August 2-1917.

The meeting of the Friendly Visitors Committee was held at 249 Mulberry Street at 8:30 P.M. August 2-1917.

Mrs. Eugene Gregory presided. Others present were Rev. Mary J. Small of York, Penn. who came with Mrs. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Little, Mr. C. M. Brown, Mrs. Pauline Baxter, Mrs. G. L. Douglas, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Green, Mr. J. Y. Tynes, Mr. Oliver Wood, Mr. John W. Slater (45 Murray St.), Mrs. Richardson and Miss Helen B. Pendleton.

The Chairman stated that Miss Stratton is ill and out of town. The minutes of the last meeting were not available. Miss Pendleton was asked to take the minutes of the present meeting.

The Chairman announced the death of Mrs. Anderson who had been a Friendly Visitor during the past winter. A resolution was passed that the secretary be asked to write a letter of condolence to her husband.

The visitors were called upon to report informally of the families visited.

Spradling, 86 1/2 rear, Pennington St. Mrs. Douglas reports that Mrs. Spradling is home from the hospital. She does not seem strong and has been poorly nourished. Visitor says that she and the children should go away on a fresh air trip. Miss Pendleton promised to see if the Female Charitable Society could arrange for her going away.

Shaw Mrs. Richardson reports that the man has changed his occupation very frequently. Was working at Balbachs.

Murray Mrs. Monroe reports that the older Murrys have moved to 96 Nassau Street. Mr. Murray was out of work; she sent him to a place but has not heard whether he secured it. The younger Mrs. Murray wants day work. Her baby has not been well. Maggie age 17, wants work. Mrs. Douglas recommends Dixon's Employment Agency at 21 Marshall St.

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Godwin Mr. Brown reports the man working in Princeton and doing nicely.

Baker Miss Pendleton reports that Miss Robinson has taken up the matter. The Overseer of the Poor has promised the balance of the money to get family home.

In discussing the best method of getting proper homes for the people the general ~~thing~~ ^{thing} was voiced especially by Mrs. Little; the best thing to do is to teach the people to try to save money to buy their own homes. After some discussion for plans for teaching Provident Savings, a committee consisting of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Green was appointed to look into the matter.

Mrs. Richardson suggests that we get closer in touch with Mrs. Sleybach of the Municipal Employment Bureau, and that efforts should be made to teach the use of the electric power machine. Efforts in that direction having so far failed, as the required number of 25 pupils has not been reached. Mrs. Richardson thought that appeals to the churches would surely bring more than that number of pupils.

Miss Pendleton reports that the appeals for money to support the Gethsemane Baptist Church, 134 Warren Street has been made to white people and that investigation shows that the Rev. Mr. Smith is not a graduate of Shaw University as he claims to be. This matter was brought before the attention of the visitors as most of the money these people are getting now have come from the colored people.

The Chairman then called upon Mrs. Mary F. Small who made a short but inspiring talk on the spiritual side of Social Service. Mrs. Johnson who has been a temperance worker among colored people for more than 20 years also made a few remarks followed by Mr. Tynes, Mr. Stephen Little, and Mr. Slater.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to be called again by the Chairman.

H. B. Pendleton

Sec. R. A. Smith